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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, ESTIMATES AND REPORTS  
THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION

Subject: G-2 Instructions regarding WEEKA.

Before ICAPS approaches G-2 with reference to the advisability of continuing political and economic reporting by means of the WEEKA, in view of the allocations made in NIA No. 7 and CIG's implementing directive, I would appreciate your comments thereon, and would like to know whether ORE is in a position to furnish G-2 with this information regularly, and if not, what additional information will be needed in order to make this possible.

/s/ Donald Edgar

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Assistant Director for Collection and Dissemination, 29 Jan 1947

TO: Chief, ICAPS

1. Pursuant to above request for comments, the following are submitted:

A. NIA Directive No. 7 and CIG Directive No. 18 should not be construed as interfering with G-2's right to secure weekly reports (including political and economic subject-matter needed by the War Department) from the War Department's intelligence representatives in the field. CIG Directive No. 18 specifically states that field collection shall "not be limited by the allocated responsibilities of the respective departments or agencies." It also states that field representatives will "collect information and prepare intelligence reports other than within their own categories when specifically directed by their agency."

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b. The reports which the War Department is requiring in this case are interpreted as authorized military intelligence under the provisions of par. 5 b, FM 30-5. It is suggested that any move by CIG to oppose the War Department's action to secure these reports may be regarded as a presumptuous interference with the War Department's command responsibility. It is possible also that the WESKA directive is designed to provide current material for G-2's new Top Secret serial on the Estimate of the Situation by Countries.

2. OGD recommends that the proposed approach to G-2 not be made. In lieu thereof, it is suggested that either of the following constructive actions may more appropriately be taken by CIG:

a. Charge the State Department, under the provisions of MIA Directive No. 7, paragraphs 1 and 4, with furnishing weekly political and economic reports to the War Department in the form specified by the enclosed War Department directives, or

b. Arrange for ORE to evolve a series of weekly reports, by country, in form and timing which would satisfy the War Department's evident need for this type of material. Such reports, if evolved, should be disseminated to the participating agencies on schedules to suit their operating needs for material of this type.

3. If either of the above alternatives (par. 2) are adopted, it is believed that a change in the WESKAs may result on the War Department's own initiative. However, it is believed that the War Department could be expected to make such a decision only after being convinced that the substitute reports are satisfactorily filling its needs.

  
Assistant Director for  
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